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NOTES FROM WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORTS #20

1. From AES: Arrangements have now been worked out with the Director of Personnel to administer PETB as an integral part of the EOD process to those professional employees who have not had PATB.

2. From Chief, Intelligence Production Faculty: The last of a series of three spring orientation classes for OCR in the use of the Vital Materials Repository was concluded on 10 May 1961 at VMR. There were two orientation classes last November and December. In these five classes a total of 45 students from the OCR list of key personnel, and one from OCI, completed the entire course. The OCR list of key personnel has 62 names. In addition, five members of the VMR staff attended the two mornings of headquarters briefings. Students included five of the eight OCR division chiefs and three secretaries. At VMR the students were given packets of questions, of a type likely to be asked in time of an emergency, to which they were to find answers. To find answers to the questions the students had to use the vital materials of most of the OCR divisions. The most valuable general tools for finding answers were the Intelligence Publications Index and the NIS. Although the purpose of the course was to give students the ability to use all OCR vital materials holdings, it had a number of valuable side effects: (1) It provided the students with a complete orientation into OCR; many students were lacking in their knowledge of OCR. (2) It showed deficiencies in the vital materials holdings, many of which are now being remedied. (3) In a number of instances, the vital materials holdings revealed changes which should be made in headquarters holdings or procedures; some of these changes are now being made.

3. From OTR Briefing Officer: On 10 May a briefing was conducted for Mr. Walworth Barbour, newly appointed Ambassador to Israel. Mr. Dulles participated in the briefing, as did representatives of the DDI and of the DDP.

On 11 May a briefing was conducted for Mr. Philip W. Bonsal, newly appointed Ambassador to Morocco. Participants in the briefing were General Cabell and the Messrs. Amory, [redacted]

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4. From Chief, Plans and Policy Staff: In response to an oral request from a Col. Bell, student at Industrial College of

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the Armed Forces, code 1276, x497, C/PPS gave a two-hour briefing on Agency training and particularly on area training and "over-seas effectiveness" to another ICAF student--Colonel August L. Vogt, USMC. The description of Agency Training was quite superficial, but the discussion of Government and private efforts toward increasing U. S. effectiveness overseas was in detail, and Col. Vogt was provided with a number of references and sources for additional information related to preparation of his student paper on U. S. training for the cold war mission.

5. From Chief, SIC:

Non-Agency Presentations:

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FSI Communism Seminar - 15 May
"Theoretical Background of Communism"

FSI Communism Seminar - 15 May
"Political System USSR"

FSI Communism Seminar - 16 May
"Economic Potential USSR"

Association of General Counsels, Sea
Island, Georgia - 15 May
"Communist Tactics in Latin America"

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